

Germans in Flanders in Very Bad Condition

Typhoid Raging and Thousands Deserting—Turkish Warship Shells Turkish Troops—Germans Dread Probable Entry of Italy Into the War—Hindenburg in a Very Tight Place

TURKS FIGHTING FIERCELY, BUT RUSS DEFEATING

Ottomans Trying Desperately to Retrieve Recent Disaster.

Have Taken Tabriz, Persia—Poland Fighting Is Less Heavy.

Further important successes in the campaign against Turkey were announced today by Russia. It is asserted that one Turkish regiment was captured, another partially destroyed, and a Turkish position seized, with guns and ammunition.

Notwithstanding these claims, it is evident that large bodies of Turkish troops are still on Russian soil, and the recent statement from Petrograd that an overwhelming defeat had been inflicted on the Turkish, involving the capture of an army corps and the cutting up of another, is denied officially in Constantinople. The statement today of the Russian staff attached to the Caucasian army shows that Turkish fighting has not been broken, stating that obstacles and bitter fighting is still in progress.

Turkish forces, which invaded northwestern Persia, are reported unofficially to have occupied Tabriz, an important city which is in the sphere of Russian influence, where a Russian military division was maintained. A Constantinople dispatch last night said that the Russians had retreated from Tabriz.

In southern Poland the Russians have made another attempt to rush across the Rida River apparently in an effort to advance once more on Cracow. An official Austrian statement says that the Russians are compelled to withdraw under the fire of the Austrian artillery.

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DESERTE FROM THOUSANDS

(By Times Special Cable.)

Paris, Jan. 12.—The real reason for the deserting of the "Belgian-Dutch" frontier," says the Matin's correspondent at Haris, "is not the German troops after the battle of the Yser. From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 there were 11,000 desertions from the garrison of Bruges alone."

GERMANS STRUGGLING TO CHECK ALLIES' ADVANCE

Fighting Furiously Near Soissons and Perthes to Recover.

Typhoid Is Raging Among the Invaders of Flanders.

(By Times Special Cable.)

London, Jan. 12.—The stand of the defeated Turkish army at Kere-Urgan, between Bara-Kanyah and the frontier of the Caucasus, and the attempts of the Germans to check the advance of the allies in France northeast of Soissons and near Perthes, were the principal points to-day where desperate conflicts are reported to be raging.

The Germans again stormed "Bour 132," northeast of Soissons, in what Paris describes as an "important attack." The result was still unknown this morning. The French took the hill only last Saturday, and since then the Germans have made a determined effort to carry it by a counter-attack.

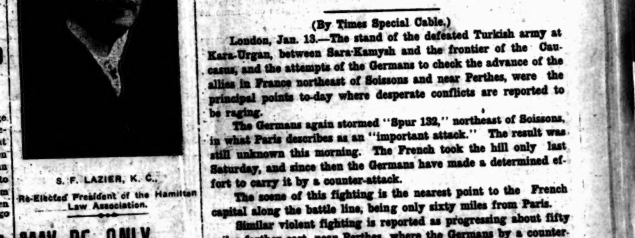
The scene of this fighting is the nearest point to the French capital along the battle line, being only sixty miles from Paris. Similar violent fighting is reported as progressing about fifty miles farther east, near Perthes, where the Germans by a counter-attack succeeded in breaking through and in establishing themselves behind the French advanced position north of Soissons. The fighting presumably continued all night, but the outcome is not known this morning. The Germans apparently are making great efforts, not only to hold what they have recovered, but also to drive the French farther back, as an advance guard, the part of the latter would threaten their communications to the sea.

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GERMANS SEIZE SWEDISH SHIP

(By Times Special Cable.)

London, Jan. 12.—The Echo Telegram Company has received a despatch from Copenhagen saying that the Swedish steamer Vasa has been torpedoed in the Baltic by a German torpedo boat, destroyed and taken into Swedensund. The Vasa was from Rotterdam, and was bound for Stockholm on her way to Stockholm with a cargo of margarine.



MAY BE ONLY TOOL OF OTHERS

For Cooper Acquiesced in Passing Mexican Bill.

Non-Support Case After Three-Year Separation.

Arrested yesterday afternoon on a criminal charge of vagrancy, Joe Cooper, 354 Charlton avenue east, appeared before Magistrate Jeffs in Police Court and was remanded. Following many complaints of Mexican five dollar bills deposited in the city, Detective being named in the case, the members of the board of Control are commencing now to figure out the finances for this year. Mayor Walters is anxious to make good during the first twelve months of his administration, and is preparing to go into every department in the City Hall and personally supervise affairs. It was stated on good authority to-day that before long there was expected a big shake-up in some departments which have not been run according to the ideas of certain members of the Board of Control.

The tax rate this year will be twenty mills, although Controller Morris is anxious to make it eighteen. If this is determined, Mayor Walters is determined, and he is strongly opposed by Controllers Morrison and Morris, which it will not exceed twenty mills, which it was last year. The year's finances he would be checking his own work. The name of Mayor Walters was at one time mentioned by Controllers Morrison and Morris.

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DEPLORES REMARKS OF IRRESPONSIBLE CRITIC

Expressing the feeling of other City Hall officials as well as himself, City Clerk Kent today took exception to the statements made publicly that "increased activity was being shown around the City Hall" and that this was due to the change in administration.

"I value the respect and good-will of the people above all else, and I believe I have them to thank for the fact that I am here," he said. "I am proud to be the stock-in-trade of the public official, and mean much to the connections."

WAR ESSAYS NO TRACE YET

Model to Be Given to School Children for Such.

A medal for the boy or girl in each school in Hamilton proving the best essay on the war will likely be given in the near future. Arrangements are being made by Secretary Foster of the Board of Education, to have all the trustees call give one, following the suggestion of Thomas Hobbes, appointed last Monday night by the City Council as one of its representatives on the Board of Education, that steps be taken at once to offer prizes. It is proposed to give one, and a conference with the secretary expressed the belief that H. B. Wilson were both willing to do so.

There are twenty-one schools in the city, and Secretary Foster's idea is that each trustee give one prize, later to be given to the best essay. Details concerning the scheme, in the meantime, the officials will get in touch with the Department of Education at Toronto, which stated some time ago that it had under way a war essay competition.

CITY SOLONS OUT TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES

Some Officials Will be Lucky If Their Salaries Are Not Decreased.

Trying to Get Low Tax Rate—Mayor Walters As Civic Auditor.

While Mayor Walters and the Controllers have until the 22nd of next month to decide on Hamilton's new tax rate and also increase of salary to municipal employees, the members of the Board of Control are commencing now to figure out the finances for this year. Mayor Walters is anxious to make good during the first twelve months of his administration, and is preparing to go into every department in the City Hall and personally supervise affairs. It was stated on good authority to-day that before long there was expected a big shake-up in some departments which have not been run according to the ideas of certain members of the Board of Control.

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PLAYED LITTLE JOKE ON THE CONTROLLERS

Some One Sent Box Luncheons Which They Had to Pay For.

Mayor Walters and the Controllers this morning, following the decision yesterday to meet daily, were surprised to find a box lunch for each of the members of the Board of Control. The box lunch for Mayor Walters was a special lunch for each of the members. The newspaper men were afterwards told the report of the industrial commission had been adopted. The fact that the lunch was for Mayor Walters, and that the lunch was for each of the members, was a joke played on the controllers. Mayor Walters did not say, at first, as the joke, but Controller Cooper after the report by suggestion that someone had possibly been for them, as they were to spend money for lunch. The controller then said that the lunch was for each of the members, and that the lunch was for each of the members, and that the lunch was for each of the members.

AGAINST BY-LAW

But Police Commission Allows Counting On Streets.

The unfortunate death of little Walter Berryman while coasting on Caroline street north last Saturday has induced Secretary Foster and Assistant Secretary to look up the by-law on the subject of coasting off the streets. The by-law is that children under the age of 12 shall not be allowed to coast on public highways. Not only have the children been allowed to coast, but have had permission to coast on public highways. Not only have the children been allowed to coast, but have had permission to coast on public highways. Not only have the children been allowed to coast, but have had permission to coast on public highways.

A SMALL CUT

Lumber Season in Ontario Shows Lessened Output.

(By Times Special Cable.)

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 12.—(Continued from Page 1.)—The lumber trade of Ontario shows a lessened output. The Canadian Bank of Commerce says the cut is less than for 1914, owing principally to the decrease in the production of the province. The decrease is proportionate to the decrease in the production of the province. The decrease is proportionate to the decrease in the production of the province.

COPPER WIRE

Little Stealing of It Around Here of Late.

Although Toronto and its vicinity have been the favorite haunts of burglars for many years, the stealing of copper wire has been a recent development. The stealing of copper wire has been a recent development. The stealing of copper wire has been a recent development.

TURKS SHELLED OWN TROOPS FROM POSTS

(By Times Special Cable.)

Petrograd, Jan. 12.—The following details of the naval engagements in the Black Sea during the first week of January have been received from the Russian government.

The scene of these activities was between the Russian and Turkish fleets in the Black Sea. The Russian fleet was defeated in the battle of the Bosphorus. The Russian fleet was defeated in the battle of the Bosphorus. The Russian fleet was defeated in the battle of the Bosphorus.

POLICIES OF BISHOP

The policy of Bishop Macdonald, as preparing for the present war, will be the subject of an address by the Bishop of Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, at the University of Toronto, on Friday, Jan. 15. The Bishop will discuss the religious and moral aspects of the war, and the duties of Christians in times of conflict.

NO LET UP IN FIGHT FOR BAY SHORE ROAD

Although the Burlington Town Council on Monday passed a by-law approving of the Bantam street route for the Toronto-Hamilton highway, the fight for the Bantam street route is not over. The fight for the Bantam street route is not over. The fight for the Bantam street route is not over.

THE BELL PIGEONS

During the winter months, when the birds are in the best of condition, they are used for carrying messages. The Bell Pigeons are used for carrying messages. The Bell Pigeons are used for carrying messages.

GOOD YEAR TABERNACLE

Annual Meeting of Pastor Phillips' Active Church.

Has Ten Missions Now in Foreign Fields.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Good Year Tabernacle was held last evening in the lecture hall and a very large and enthusiastic gathering of worshippers was present to hear the reports of the various missions which were most encouraging.

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ST. JAMES' TURKS FIGHTING FIERCELY, BUT RUSS ARE GAINING

West End Presbyterians Hold Their Annual Meeting.

St. James' Presbyterian Church held its annual meeting last evening with a large attendance, and the utmost money and good feeling prevailed. Devotional exercises were conducted by the pastor, Mr. J. M. Macmillan, and St. Alban was chosen chairman, and W. T. Miller, secretary.

The report of the session showed that the membership had increased without effort on the part of the church, there being a small decrease in the number of members. The report of the Board of Managers showed that the church had received a large amount of money for the year.

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OBITUARY

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FARM AND GARDEN

FEEDING DAIRY COWS IN WINTER.

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SERUM IS GOOD

War Usage Has Proved Its Great Service.

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"SERB" IS RIGHT

Balkan Country Protests Use of "Serbian" by "Serbs."

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RECORD YEAR

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GERMAN PLAN TO HUNGARY AGAINST RUSS

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MAY JOIN TURKS

Russian Commander Looks for
Next Attack From East
Russia.

London, Jan. 12.—Military opinion in London and Petrograd places little faith in the numerous reports from several sources that the Germans and Austrians are planning a new expedition into Serbia.

The reported new Russian expedition is believed to be a move as early as the German army. A more conservative estimate is given by the Petrograd correspondent of the Paris Temps, who states that the two active Russian corps and one Prussian reserve corps are at the disposal of Archduke Eugen, the Austrian Commander-in-Chief of the southern army. The Austrians are stated already to be on the march to Budapest under the Archduke.

In well-informed quarters here the opinion is expressed that these three corps, if indeed any corps have been transferred from Poland to the front, are to be used to strengthen the Austro-Hungarian forces in Transylvania against the imminent Russian invasion from the east. It is asserted in Petrograd that the Austrians are active expedition, but have taken up no position to offer a vigorous resistance that they may have to deal with the Roumanians as well as the Russians. The result of Roumanian expounding the cause of the allies.

TALK OF JOINING TURKS

The chief theory of the southwest movement of German troops is supplied by the Rome newspaper, the "Gazzetta". This journal, which is said usually to be well informed about Austro-Hungarian plans, states that the German invasion of Serbia will be attempted, not in the nature of a surprise, but with the object of compelling hands with the Turks across the Balkans, and the German army of Bulgaria on the side against the allies.

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The "Times" correspondent, telegrams from Petrograd:

"During the last week the offensive action of the German forces in Poland has been concentrated within a narrow zone, approximately ten miles wide, some 20 miles west of Warsaw. Very fierce fighting has been in progress in the vicinity of Bialystok. This position strategically has been changing hands, but despite the enormous sacrifice of men and the almost unceasing bombardment the Germans have entirely failed to make serious headway."

"A wounded officer with whom I conversed related how his regiment, holding the trenches in one of the critical positions, repulsed 13 consecutive attacks in one night. The enemy came on in close column, bayoneted the sentries and drove to a man. After the tenth attack the bodies were piled so high that the Russian riflemen were unable to shoot. Men were sent out to keep the bodies from being used as a form of entrenchment for the enemy."

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BUSINESS MORE THAN USUAL

Dr. C. O. James Gives Slogan for Ontario

At Meeting of Ontario Experimental Union.

Guelph, Jan. 12.—Increased production and increased distribution are the watchwords of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union, which commenced its 38th annual meeting at the O. A. C. this morning. This was the sentiment expressed by Herbert Grob, Hon. Nelson Monette and others who participated in the discussions.

The opening address was given by Mr. J. H. Mason, president of the Experimental Union. Prof. Zaritz gave a report of the year's work with the Experimental Union.

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ROWELL ON WAR

Liberal Leader Talks at Banquet in Guelph.

Guelph, Jan. 12.—The banquet hall at the Royal Canadian Cafe was crowded to the doors to-night, when Mr. W. Rowell, K. C., leader of the Opposition, gave an address on "Britannia's Role in the War." The speaker, as illustrated by the war, Mr. Rowell referred to Poland as an example of Germany's misrule, and to the manner in which Britain had been coerced as a sample of British misrule.

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TURKEY ONES

Will Settle Trouble Over Hodeida Incident.

Salute Flag and Investigate the Outrage.

ROME, Jan. 12.—The Hodeida incident will probably soon be closed, judging by the latest developments. Turkey has now formally accepted the Italian demand, including a military salute to the Italian flag, when it is again hoisted over the consulate in Hodeida.

The Italian Consul after ordering the flag down took refuge on board an Italian warship.

The Turkish Government has appointed a commission to investigate the incident, and the Italian Foreign Office has ordered the Consul to land at Hodeida and participate in the investigation so as to ascertain the facts of the case.

Otherwise it is feared the Turkish incident may be indefinitely prolonged.

The police have arrested many alleged pro-German agents who had been soliciting signatures to a petition involving Italy's neutrality during the war. It is charged that the agents had been soliciting signatures to a petition involving Italy's neutrality during the war.

Deputy Chairman in the Chamber of Deputies, Mr. Home Office, it was aware of "this shameful hunt for signatures to a petition which was unworthy of a civilized country."

He urged the Government to "intervene to prevent similar attempts."

SERVIA MASSIVE TROOPS.

Servia has massed troops at strategic positions north of Albania, the reason being, it was supposed to be, the imminent danger of an Italian attack.

The War Office issued a denial to the report that four classes of second line troops of the mobilized reserve were being sent to the front.

The War Office explained that the report originated from the fact that a portion of the mobilized reserve was being sent to the front.

It is believed that the mobilized reserve is being sent to the front in order to carry out more pleasant barracks accommodations have been increased and schools and other buildings are being used for this purpose.

Subscriptions to the war loan of one billion lire (\$200,000,000) closed yesterday. The result has not yet been announced officially, but it is known that the loan has been largely over-subscribed.

STEPS IN NEWEST DANCES

The "Touch Up"—Prominent Figure in the New Fox Trot.



Helen Wolford and J. Harvey Hume.

J. Harvey Hume and Miss Wolford, who are being featured at the Winter Gardens, Chicago, in this series of dances. Posing for picture especially for our readers.

(By J. Harvey Hume.)

The fox trot is now generally considered to be the most popular of the ballroom dances. It may be described as a combination of the "negro shuffle" and the more modern ragtime. Its variations are numerous to mention. In fact, it may be said of the fox trot that its step which is done in union with the fox trot music may be called fox trotting.

In old Mexico their hands up to Christmas Eve, in other countries the family jar is often suspended during the holidays. New York Evening Post.

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FROM YESTERDAY'S LAST EDITION

RUSSIANS SEE THROUGH GERMANS' LATEST RUMOR

(By Times Special Cable).

Petrograd, via London, 5:45 p.m., Jan. 18.—News reaching here of a proposed expedition in force by the Germans and Austrians against Serbia, which said that the Tonicists allies are contemplating the despatch of eleven army corps to that country to

Polica, where the Austrians had not diminished their force.

The supposition that the Germans are making use of the disastory of the military authorities in the western war, where there virtually has been a pause on either side, is not the military authorities, as they maintain, the Germans must advance before the spring months.

is looked upon in Russian military circles as a transparent ruse on the part of the Germans to distract the

The Russian general staff, it is said, is not holding its reports, and is continuing its campaign already initiated. Meanwhile, the number of German troops in Russia is continually not increasing, but is continually being increased on the Bzura and Niemien rivers, on the latter waterway as far as Tilsit.

The Russian general staff has ascertained, army officers say, that the Germans are preparing for an offensive in the direction of the Baltic.

OF FIGHTING

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had been killed on the bridge, his head being blown entirely away. The

**TABRIZ BASE
FOR TURK ARMY**

**Capture in Persia Aids in Attack
On Russia.**

**Britain and Laizer May Help
Persia.**

of Azerbaijan are fleeing
wards the Caucasus from
the Turkish advance. Mi
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At the First Division
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(By Times Special Cable.)
London, Jan. 13, 2.08 p.m.—The tak-

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who undoubtedly have been backing of
some of the Turkish tribesmen
in this locality, have selected a more
or less important base for the projected
German-Turkish attack upon the
Russian positions in the province of
Erivan, north of the Persian border
and south of Tiflis.

The occupation of Tahrir, which is
the capital of the province of Asse-
ran, was rendered comparatively
easy for the Turks by the recent with-
drawal of Russian forces from the
vicinity of Tahrir to the further west.

bloodshed is not yet known, but in the absence of Russian troops it is not likely that Perala was able to

offer any serious resistance. Russia's most vulnerable point, which the Turkish training line at the extended Perso-Persian frontier to the north of Tabriz. There has been any necessity for preparing this portion of the Perso-Persian boundary against possible Persian attack. This opinion is held here that Great Britain and Russia may offer assistance to Persia in the defense of her neutrality as a result of Turkish activities in Persian territory first developed, Persia not only announced

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... though Turkey should fail to push further northward, she will have gained a basis for negotiations that is able to retain the status quo. Turkey also is able to retain a foothold on the territory on the eastern bank of Lake Urmiah, which has long been a point of contention between the province of Azerbaijan began in 1905, when Russia weakened in the war with Japan, and it has always been a point of contention on this portion of Persia, was backed by Germany, whose economic interests, it

for the sum of 100,000 rubles. A telegram from Petrograd to-day says that 1,000 persons of the province times don't know as much as the people who ask why.

